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TRANSMITTAL LETTER Case No. 10519/29 Group Art Unit Filing Date Examiner Serial No. 09/918,853 July 30, 2001 Not Yet Assigned Inventors MICHAEL A. VYRODA, N. JOHAN KNALL, and JAMES M. CLEEVES Title of Invention PROCESS FOR FABRICATING A DIELECTRIC FILM USING PLASMA OXIDATION TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; copies of cited references A1-A10; and Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. Petition for a _____month extension of time. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: Other Than Small Entity Small Entity Claims Highest No. or Add'l Add'l Previously Present Remaining Rate Fee Rate Fee Paid For Extra After Amendment x \$18= x \$9= Total Minus x 42 =x \$84 =Minus Indep. + \$140 = + \$280 = First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim Total Total add'I fee add'I fee Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$_ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. \mathbb{N} I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Respectfully submitted, W. Dockrey gistrátion No. 33,868 Attorney for Applicants **BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE** P.O. BOX 10395 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610 (312) 321-4200 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on March 6, 2002

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Applicants cite the references A1-A10 listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The order of these references should not be construed to suggest their relative pertinence. Copies of each of these references is enclosed for the Examiner's

review. The Examiner is encouraged to review the entire disclosure of each reference in order to draws his or her own conclusions concerning the pertinence of the references to the claimed subject matter of this application. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed to suggest that a patentability search has been made or that the cited references are prior art or are considered to be material to patentability.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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